Revson Needs Money

place finish.

starter, in that category. Al who

Savage Contender

won more than \$291,000.

qualified at 180.741 M.P.H.

for this race. He qualified at

it in 7th place at 178.491.

the third row with Johncock.

Not much has been said of

of Arlington, Tex., who starts

12th in the order.

Somebody like Donohue, Un- Three-times national cham-

up about \$160,000 for a first times champ A. J. Foyt occupy

Donohue comes in with \$134,- Neither Andretti nor Foyt have

000 in prize winnings already won a major championship race

showing on his ledger. He ranks in years, but each has an im-

won his second Indianapolis tri-umyh in a row in May and last year's inaugural Cal 500

hasn't done much since, has winner. He is Jim McElreath

next to Al Unser, the fifth place proved car for this one

#### **Major League Averages**

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## Sparma Files

\$254,000, compared with assets in 13.8 seconds to 13.6 for Guy

The ex-Tiger righthander, traded to the Montreal Expos the German national record of in 1969, listed six lawsuits pend- 8:29.6 in winning the 3,000-meter ing against him in Wayne and steeplechase. Oakland Circuit Courts and one pending in state district court among judgments sought against him totalling nearly \$166,000, according to the petition filed Thursday. The majority of assets Sparma listed, nearly \$16,000, were listed as credits due him.

The Tigers purchased Sparma from Montreal and sent him to their Toledo Farm Club last winter. The Mud Hens released him recently. On his bankruptcy petition Sparma listed his occupation as "unemployed professional athlete."

## Motorcycle Spills Ali

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) -Muhammad Ali, who has made his career as an expert with two fists, has been felled by

The former world champion heavyweight boxer back at his New Jersey home after a speaking tour in the Caribbean, suffered slight abrasions and cuts when he took a spin around the place on a motorcycle.

His trainer, Angelo Dundee, was wry in announcing the ac-7.11 cident Friday in Miami Beach.

"He was bragging to me about that motorcycle of his, Dundee said. "I don't think I'm going to get some motorcycle lessons from him."

Dundee said Ali received two stitches in his thumb at Cherry Hill hospital. He was released late Thursday.

Dundee said the accident caused cancellation of plans for Ali to fly from Philadelphia to Miami Friday and then to Jamaica on business. He said Ali would remain in Cherry Hill.

"I don't think he's riding home from the hospital on the back of his motorcycle," Dundee added

Dundee said the former champion "may have slid on his bike."

## Melnik Breaks Own

of 210-9, Saturday in a pre- case. Olympic track and field meet.

DETROIT (AP) - Former shotput to finish behind Nladis-Detroit Tiger pitcher Joe Spar- lan Komar of Poland, who ma has filed a bankruptcy peti- equaled the German national tion in federal district court, record of 65-91/2. Ron Draper listing his total liabilities at ran the 110-meter high hurdles

Drut of France. Ben Jipcho of Kenya equaled

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# AL MILLER ...

AL MILLER

NOTHING HAS been finalized, but it appears stock car racing in Cedar Rapids is headed for the half-mile dirt track

There have been special attractions on the half-mile, but for the most part, activity has consisted of nothing but quar-

conclude for the season next week, have been held on Friday nights. The switch depends largely on who promotes the races next year at The Downs. Billy Greiner, All-Iowa fair manager, Friday said he personally would favor half-mile racing, however, "that will be up to the pro-

ter-mile racing at Hawkeye Downs for the last four years. The weekly programs, which

moter. He or they will be decided upon once we receive all the bids, which includes the programs they have outlined for next year."

Of the parties we've talked to who are interested in promoting next season, all have indicated the half-mile is the way to go. That includes the present promoters, Vern Weber and Dr. Jack Hunt of the Greater Iowa Racing Assn.

"We have asked them to submit a bid for next year," Greiner said, "We (the fair board) are pleased with their operation because it's up over last year. And, actually, the economy is no better this year than last."

Weber and Hunt plan to bid. "We'd like to put the races on the half-mile," Weber said, "but we have not firmed up any plans yet. It's been a good experience for us to promote races here. The fans at Hawkeye Downs won't settle for less than a first-class program and we've learned quite a bit.'

#### Too Much Horsepower

Greiner, who said he has already received three requests for information, has set Nov. 1 as a deadline for bids.

Regardless of who gets the nod, we are in favor of the half-mile being used. Oh, we like the action on the quartermile, but it gets pretty rough at times. Maybe it's only because the season is coming to a close and drivers are trying to squeeze that last buck, but last Friday night everybody was driving like a pack of mule skinners running late. In short, that's a lot of horsepower to crowd on a short track.

Also-and this may be the big point-it's a good bet that more top-notch drivers will re-discover The Downs if there is half-mile racing. Of course the purse will have to be right, as it takes good money to attract good equipment.

Five years ago was the last time the half-mile was used on a regular basis. We can still remember only about 12-13 late-models showing up for a program. It was, to say the least, a catastrophe.

Heaven forbid, this time around.

#### This 'n That

• Remember Dave Marcis, the former stock car ace from Wausau, Wis.? Dave's been on the NASCAR Grand National tour for the last three years. It's been a tough go for the 30-year-old driver, although he got a break last May when he was asked to sub for Bobby Isaac at Talladega. Well, he got a big break last week when Andy Granatelli announced Dave will drive the STP racing team's Plymouth in Monday's Southern 500 at Darlington, S. C.

• Goodyear sends along a note on today's Ontario 500 race for Indy-type cars: The power needed to fire up the 33-car starting field would keep the family car running for 1,200 years! Today's championship cars have a 36-volt starting motor, so it takes three 12-volt batteries to fire one up. Goodyear will have a battery operation at Ontario.

• Here's something for the book: The federal bureau of investigation has asked the help of U.S. Auto club members in attempting to run down one of the criminals on its "Ten Most Wanted" list. He is Benjamin Paddock, who escaped from prison while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. Paddock is a stock car racing enthusiast and has been employed as an auto mechanic.

• What used to look like a runaway for Al Unser in the USAC championship car point race is anything but that going into the Ontario 500. Al, who has not finished the last three championship events, leads second-place A. J. Foyt by only 480 points, 2,200 to 1,720. The next three spots are really tight. Joe Leonard is third with 1,550, Billy Vukovich is fourth with 1,530 and Mark Donohue, today's pole-cat, is fifth with 1,520. The winner of today's race will receive 1,000

 Speaking of season-ending spectaculars at area tracks, the finale at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids is next Friday . . Farley speedway will hold its on Wednesday. Any car that has raced at least one Wednesday night is eligible at

#### McAlister Won't Blame Anyone

World Discuss Record LOS ANGELES (AP)-James test on an unsanctioned date. MUNICH, Germany (AP) - McAlister, UCLA's ineligible "UCLA thought they were Russian Faina Melnik threw the discus 212 feet, 9¼ inches, breaking her own world record breaking her own world record by the NCAA's ruling in his was declared ineligible for the

1971-72 school year. "I'm not "I wouldn't want to go to gonna blame anybody there. Two Americans posted run-court," McAlister said, blaming Things happen for a reason, I ner-up finishes. Al Feuerbach no one for the NCAA infraction guess. And really, I've had For Bankruptcy ner-up finishes. At rederbach he one for the first the first



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# Sees Downs Half-Mile Can Mark Run Away Today? Being Used in 1972 By Bloys Britt If his Sunoco-McLaren M16 lifted a Gulf-McLaren M16 at Invotege of Gurney and assigned

By Bloys Britt

is just beginning to cut his teeth in the sport lead 33 starters such forecasts.

the pack. At least three other drivers are ready to dispute said Revson, who currently is leading the point standings in starting berths. Al Unser to the line Sunday in the 1971 Bobby Unser, 1968 Indiana- the \$1 million Can-Am sports abandoned the Ford engine he running of the California 500. polis 500 winner and U. S. driv- car series. "But there's a lot has used for years and switched

road circuit champion who al- row. ready has made his first full "He's the man I'll be looking The base purse is \$500,000, to Offy and could be tough.

from the pole position. He hide for 500 miles." miles per hour.

If his Sunoco-McLaren M16 ified a Gulf-McLaren M16 at protege of Gurney and assigned ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) - A holds up, most observers look 180.741 M.P.H. and in carbure- the No. 2 car in the Olsonite veteran pro, two expert road for the Brown university graduracers who don't like oval ate and winner of the July 3 ily and easily at 178 M.P.H. in a wreck during the Questor tracks, and a youngster who Pocono 500 to run away from

second richest payoff in auto ing champ, qualified his Olson- of money at Ontario and I need to a more powerful Offenhauser ite Eagle, a product of Dan some of it." The hottest of the four at the Gurney's shops at nearby Santa There is indeed a lot of money 178.713, only a tick of the watch moment is Mark Donohue of Ana, at 182.066 M.P.H. to gain in this final event in the United behind Johnny Rutherford. The Media, Pa., a two-time U. S. the middle spot in the front States Auto Club's "triple latter is making his first start crown" of championship racing. in a brutish-looking Brabham-

year in oval racing a success- for all day," Unser said of Don- which has been added \$188,850 Then there's little Gordon ohue. "I figure I can run with in accessory money, some of Johncock, who took over a team Donohue, 33, makes the start him, and I don't believe he can it contingent upon the use of McLaren assigned to New Zeacertain products, and \$33,000 in lander Denis Hulme and put

earned it with a record four-lap On the outside of row one lap prize money. ser or Revson stands to pick pion Mario Andretti and five-New York bachelor, who quali-

## Family Plan' Ticket For Kingston Football

TOM ECKER, coordinator of athletics for the Cedar Rapids public schools, enjoys having a lot of fans in the 12,000-seat Kingston football stadium.

As a result, Ecker last week announed plans for a new family football ticket that will allow the parents and all of their children in for one \$5

"A man and wife with two children would break even pricewise," explains Tom.

Meet

preps

by

Jack

Ogden

"But a family with more than two children would save money on the new ticket."

Tickets, incidentally, will be on sale all week during the

season in the activity office of the three public schools -Washington, Jefferson and

That could cut down on ticket window jams on game

Otherwise, ticket prices will be the same as a year ago. Adult tickets will be \$1.50 for most games but \$2 for intracity games. Junior high and elementary students may purchase a \$1 ticket.

In addition, elementary and junior high students who sit in the special Northeast section will get a reduced 75-cent tick-

#### Iowa Helps

Harold Schmickley, retiring baseball expert of the Iowa High School Athletic Assn., surprised a few veterans last week at the Joe Bailey night celebration held in Amana.

Schmickley pointed out that varsity squads.

qualifying average of 185.004 is Pete Revson, a handsome

Iowa had pioneered a number of baseball firsts in its high school program.

Harold said Iowa was the first to use protective helmets, first to use the optional reentry rule and also pioneered the now widely-used suspended game rule.

"The suspended game rule was first used in a district game at Des Moines," explained Harold, "and it has proved to be a very worthwhile rule."

#### Prep Notes

Dan Strellner, the Benton Community senior who helped pitch his school to the Iowa summer baseball title and is currently on the mound staff of the Cedar Rapids Legion team in the national tourney at Tucson, Ariz., has some new competition in the family.

Dan's sister, Cindy, a sophomore at Benton, won her first girls' softball game last week. She pitched a 3-hit shutout against Hudson.

Add Waukon high school to the list of Eastern Iowa schools that have added girls' basketball. But the new sport has been causing a few headaches for administrators.

The decision to add basketball wasn't made until June and now the problem has been to line up a schedule for the approaching season. Most of the games will be with junior

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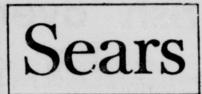
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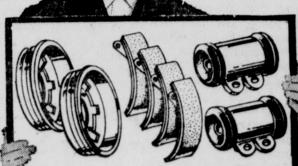
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